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The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

Announcement of 2008 Annual Meeting

The Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held June 25-28, 2008 at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa, Kona, Hawaii. The scientific sessions are open to all duly qualified physicians. Participation in other Association activities for members, invited guests, and program participants requires payment of a social registration fee.

Requests for Meeting Information

Meeting preregistration and hotel registration forms will be available in early 2008 from:

Western Thoracic Surgical Association
900 Cummings Center
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Beverly, MA 01915
978-927-8330; fax: 978-524-8890
wtsa@westernthoracic.org

Material for the Program

Scientific papers will be considered from members and nonmembers. Member sponsorship is not necessary.

For the 2008 Annual Meeting, abstract submission will open in mid-November, 2007. All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the WTSa Web site. A Call for Abstracts will be mailed out around that time. The abstract deadline will be early January, 2008.

Application for Membership

Applications for membership in the Association must be received by the Membership Committee Chairman no later than March 1, 2008 to be considered for the following annual meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

Address correspondence to:
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The American Board of Thoracic Surgery

Notices

The part I (written) examination will be held on December 3. It is planned that this examination will be given at multiple sites throughout the United States using an electronic format. The closing date for registration is August 1 each year. Those wishing to be considered for examination must apply online at www.abts.org.

To be admissible for the Part II (oral) examination, a candidate must have successfully completed the Part I (written) examination.

A candidate applying for admission to the certifying examination must fulfill all the requirements of the Board in force at the time the application is received. Please address all communications to the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, 633 North St Clair Street, Suite 2320, Chicago, IL 60611 (telephone: 312-202-5900).

Requirements for Maintenance of Certification in 2008

Diplomates of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) who plan to participate in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process, which will begin in 2008, must hold an unrestricted medical license in the locale of their